Market Strife Spurs New Conference Symposium

In light of the recent economic crisis, GSA’s leadership has joined with AARP’s Office of Academic Affairs to convene a special Annual Scientific Meeting symposium intended to help attendees better understand the impact of new financial developments on the nation’s seniors. The session will be moderated by Harry "Rick" Moody, PhD, of AARP.

“This economic upheaval, challenging cherished social bonds and institutions here and abroad, affords us an opportunity to think anew about the ways we work, save, and seek to affix meanings to our lives. From these new perspectives, as a new administration prepares to govern, perhaps wiser policymaking for an aging society will emerge,” said GSA Public Policy Committee Chair W. Andrew Achenbaum, PhD.

Greg O’Neill, PhD, director of the National Academy on an Aging Society (GSA’s policy institute), noted that older Americans stand at the epicenter of this turmoil.

“With aging baby boomers approaching retirement, the financial crisis is likely to have a large, if uncertain, impact for years to come,” he said. “Declining home equity values, an unprecedented drop in pension assets, and the prospect of work-life extension for older workers are crucial topics that need to be addressed.”

New Fellowship Program Furthers Aging Policy Efforts

The inaugural class of eight Health and Aging Policy Fellows — the majority of whom are GSA members — has been selected and started its work in Washington, DC, and across the country.

Supported by The Atlantic Philanthropies and administered by Columbia University, the goal of the new Health and Aging Policy Fellows program is to create a cadre of professional leaders who will help to shape a healthy and productive future for older Americans.

“As we all know, by 2030 about 20 percent of the U.S. population will be 65 and older. As a result, society is facing critical challenges regarding health and social services for older adults. Many of these challenges will need to be addressed by policies that are informed by leaders with geriatric and gerontology experience and knowledge,” said GSA member Harold Pincus, MD, who serves as national director of the program.

“I am delighted with the response we’ve received during our first application round. Not only did we receive a large number of applications — about three times as many as we had expected — but the quality of the applicants was stellar. It demonstrates that there is a real need and demand for a program like ours,” Pincus added.

The eight recipients are divided into two categories. Residential fellows will spend a year in Washington, D.C. working on Capitol Hill or in an executive branch agency. Non-residential fellows will stay in their current positions while working on health policy projects. All fellows will participate in core program components focused on leadership in health and aging policy, and career and communications skill development.

The new initiative has also forged an alliance with the well-established John Heinz Senate Fellowship in Issues of the Aging, after GSA member Gretchen Alkema, PhD, LCSW, was selected to participate in both programs. “I am honored to be selected as the joint 2008-2009 John Heinz/Health and Aging Policy Fellow,” Alkema said. “This joint fellowship combines the John Heinz Senate Fellowship legacy of infusing gerontological expertise into congress through a senate staff position, and leadership development through policy training and mentorship from the new
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This late-breaking session will bring together a panel of experts in economics and aging to answer several looming questions. How does financial insecurity affect people of different ages? Will declining stock market values influence the trend toward defined contribution pension plans? In light of recession fears and new demands on government budgets, what are the prospects of reform for Social Security and Medicare? Will people nearing traditional retirement age work longer in response to adverse economic circumstances, and in doing so, will they face barriers such as inadequate skills and continuing ageism?

The symposium, titled “Financial Crisis 2008: Implications for Aging,” is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2008, from 3:15 to 4:45 pm in the Chesapeake C Room at the Gaylord Resort and Conference Center.

From the Executive Director

Capital Opportunities Surround DC-Area Meeting

By James Appleby, RPh, MPH

The 2008 implementation of GSA’s public policy initiative has turned out to be well-timed. The capital-area location of our Annual Scientific Meeting allows us to immediately showcase the important steps we’re taking to advance our advocacy efforts.

Overseeing these projects are Greg O’Neill, director of the National Academy on an Aging Society (GSA’s policy institute), and Brian Lindberg, who works as our policy advisor.

I refer you to Brian’s column this month (see page 5) for details on the public policy series that he and Greg have put together for the November conference. GSA will offer the latest on politics, polling, predictions, and other substantive issues at these sessions. Several of them were added in response to recent events. As you read on the cover of this newsletter, we will even focus on the impact of the recent economic crisis on the lives of older Americans.

A new Congress and administration will begin its work in January; GSA will be at the table working for expanded opportunities that will allow our members’ research to inform, influence, and impact the policy debate. At times, we’ll be asking you to become more involved in sharing your knowledge and viewpoints, and to serve as a resource to elected officials and policy makers. This is part of our vision to ensure that our government recognizes the importance of aging issues — and to support GSA members who undertake such advocacy work.

The other front page story in this month’s issue demonstrates that the strength of our membership is well represented in the John Heinz Senate Fellowship and the Health and Aging Policy Fellows programs.

We also continue to make forward progress with other endeavors on the policy front. Brian’s original, monthly columns have proven valuable to this newsletter. GSA proudly plays a strong role in the activities of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations. And early next year, you’ll see a new element on our website specifically designed for those interested in getting public policy information quickly.

As we gather for our annual conference, I look forward to discussing the many programs with which GSA is involved. All organizations will face challenges during these tumultuous times, but we are ready and able to succeed, and one of our new strengths is the public policy initiative.

James
Wiener’s Efforts Draw Distinction in Florida
The Florida Council on Aging has awarded a 2008 Quality Senior Living Award to the West Palm Beach Housing Authority in honor of the work of Elder Care & Crisis Manager Pamela Wiener, PhD. The award category was “Service to Seniors by an Organization,” which aims to recognize organizations that provide outstanding service to seniors even when their missions do not call for it.

Wayne State Honors Ward’s Diversity Efforts
Velma Lewis Ward, PhD, has been chosen as a recipient of a Wayne State University 2008 Diversity Award. She is the retired assistant director of the Clinical Laboratory at the Lafayette Clinic in Detroit, MI. The award supports Wayne State’s Diversity Advisory Board endowment scholarship fund and honors those who have been instrumental in furthering diversity within their professions.

GIA Taps Next Round of Fellows
Four GSA members have been accepted into the Grantmakers in Aging (GIA) Fellows Program, co-Sponsored by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The McGregor Foundation. Susan Bodnar-Deren, Arminda Gomes, LMSW, Daniel B. Kaplan, LICSW, LMSW, CSW-G, QDCS, and David Russell, PhD, are among the recipients. The GIA Fellows Program was initiated in 1999 to provide outstanding graduate and post-doctoral students an opportunity to learn firsthand about some of the challenges and opportunities present in an aging society. They convened at the GIA Annual Conference in Princeton, NJ, from October 29-31.

March Recognized for Administrative Achievements
Connie S. March, MSN, president and chief executive officer of Provena Senior Services, has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of healthcare administration. She has more than 30 years of professional experience and specializes in adult care and geriatrics. Heading Provena Senior Services since 1987, she is responsible for leading 17 senior living campuses.

Kramer Awarded for Hospice, Palliative Work
Betty Kramer, PhD, has been given the 2008 Distinguished Researcher Award from The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). This distinction recognizes Betty’s substantial and sustained research contributions to the field of hospice and palliative care and is NHPCO’s highest research award. Kramer is also a Hartford Faculty Scholar (Cohort II) and Hartford National Research Mentor.
Fellowship Aimed at Minority Physicians
The Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy (CFHUF) is now seeking applicants for the 2009-2010 academic year. Supported by The Commonwealth Fund, administered by the Minority Faculty Development Program at Harvard Medical School, this innovative fellowship is designed to prepare physicians, particularly minority physicians, for leadership roles in formulating and implementing public health policy and practice on a national, state, or community level. For application materials, information, and other training opportunities, please contact the CFHUF Program Coordinator by telephone at (617) 432-2922, by fax at (617) 432-3834, or by e-mail at mfdp_cfhuf@hms.harvard.edu. The application deadline is December 15, 2008.

Junior Faculty Eligible for AFAR Grants
The American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) provides up to $75,000 for a one- to two-year award to junior faculty (MDs and PhDs) to conduct research that will serve as the basis for longer term research efforts. AFAR-supported investigators study a broad range of biomedical and clinical topics including the causes of cellular senescence, the role of estrogen in the development of osteoporosis, the genetic factors associated with Alzheimer’s disease, the effects of nutrition and exercise on the aging process, and much more. The application deadline is December 16, 2008. See www.afar.org/afar99.html for complete details.

NIH Launches Transformative R01 Funding Program
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) intends to invest more than $250 million over the next five years to foster bold and creative investigator-initiated research through a new transformative R01 (T-R01) Program. While R01 grants support the bulk of mainstream NIH investigator-initiated efforts, the structure and review of R01 proposals can discourage submission of the most bold, creative, and risky research proposals. In response to these challenges, the NIH has created the T-R01 Program. Applications for new five-year grants are now being accepted. Review criteria will focus on a project’s transformative potential. The NIH plans to fund the first cohort of T-R01 awards in 2009, and hopes to announce the T-R01 Program again in 2010 if funds are available. Additional information about the Transformative R01 Program is available at www.nihroadmap.nih.gov/grants/index.asp.

Funds Slated for Novel Research Approaches
The Julie Martin Mid-Career Award in Aging Research, sponsored by the Ellison Medical Foundation, encourages outstanding mid-career scientists who have not been engaged in aging research but whose research is relevant and could lead to novel approaches to aging. The Ellison Medical Foundation and the American Federation for Aging Research developed this program for outstanding mid-career scientists who propose novel directions of high importance to biological gerontology. Proposals in areas where National Institutes of Health awards or other traditional sources are unlikely because the research is high risk are particularly encouraged if they have the potential for leading to major new advances in our understanding of basic mechanisms of aging. Projects investigating age-related diseases are also supported, but only if approached from the point of view of how basic aging processes may lead to these outcomes. Projects concerning mechanisms underlying common geriatric functional disorders are also encouraged, as long as these include connections to fundamental problems in the biology of aging. Projects that deal strictly with clinical problems such as the diagnosis and treatment of disease, health outcomes, or the social context of aging are not eligible. Two four-year awards of $550,000 will be awarded. The application deadline is December 16, 2008. See www.afar.org/Ellison%20Mid-Career.html for further information.

Membership Drive Expands GSA Family
During September’s “Recruit a Member Month,” any current member who referred someone new to the Society was rewarded with a $25 amazon.com gift card. GSA congratulates all the participants and extends a warm welcome to its newest members! The winners are listed here:

Leanne Lefler (referred Jean McSweeney)  
Kimberlee Gretebeck (referred Elisa Torres)  
David Burdick (referred William Long)  
Melissa Franks (referred Amber Seidel)  
Doris Milke (referred Tiana Rust)  
Eve Davison (referred Asher Davison)  
Lazelle Benfield (referred Beth Hall)  
Yiwei Chen (referred Olivia Pethel)  
Esther Chow (referred Amy Chow)  

Maria Fiatarone Singh (referred Bradley Lloyd)  
Lisa McGuire (referred Stephanie Vachirasudlekha)  
Berit Ingersoll-Dayton (referred Kattika Thanakwang)  
John Schumacher (referred Sarah Chard)  
Ruth Campbell (referred Jun Kitayama)  
Helen Black (referred Christa Caruso)  
Lisa Fredman (referred Marian Hannan)  
Rhoda Meador (referred Michael Meador)  
Lisa Molnar (referred Jeri Stroupe)
Policy: November Menu’s Main Course

Ever wondered what the real story behind the development of the most life-altering social program — Social Security — in the United States is? Curious about how one of the nation’s biggest budget items — Medicare — will fare under a new Administration? Dying to know what will happen to aging and social policy under a new Congress with many new senators and representatives and with a new president in the White House? Trying to guess which programs will make it onto the first 100 day list?

Your questions should be answered during several unique sessions that GSA’s Public Policy Committee and staff have planned for our upcoming Annual Scientific Meeting in the Washington, DC, area.

We’ve assembled an impressive group of thought leaders, policy makers, journalists, academicians, and politicians to enlighten, educate, and entertain you during seven sessions on aging and social policy. This series is sponsored, in part, by the National Academy on an Aging Society, the National Academy of Social Insurance, AARP’s Office of Academic Affairs, and GSA’s Civic Engagement in an Older America project. You will find a complete list of all policy-related sessions at the conference in your registration bag. This list is also available online at www.agingsoociety.org/agingsoociety/publications/public_policy/Highlthted_Policy_Sessions.pdf

Before I give you some details on the sessions, let me mention one other opportunity that will be available to you at the meeting. For those of you interested in policy advocacy, we have created a Policy Toolkit with background materials, talking points, and the basics for getting started. This will be available at the GSA booth in the Exhibit Hall or at any of the policy series sessions at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center.

GSA Policy Series

Robert M. Ball’s Legacy to the Future
Saturday, November 22 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Potomac Ballroom D

This session focuses on the father of Social Security, Bob Ball. How did he advocate for the program in the face of political and social obstacles? What can we learn from his approach to protect and improve the program now? These questions will be addressed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Pam Herd, former Social Security Commissioner Ken Apfel, as well as Ball biographer Edward Berkowitz. Social policy journalist Bob Rosenblatt will moderate the panel.

Medicare Policy Challenges for a New Administration: Prescription Drugs, Privatization, Costs and Medicare’s Future
Sunday, November 23 • 1:15-2:45 p.m. • Potomac Ballroom D

Medicare will be discussed by some of the nation’s finest minds and most knowledgeable advocates at this symposium. No Medicare topics generate more debate than the subjects of privatization, prescription drug policy, pay-for-performance, and out-of-pocket costs to beneficiaries. These issues will be addressed by Shawn Bishop of the Senate Finance Committee (the committee with jurisdiction over Medicare and Medicaid laws), Marilyn Moon of the American Institutes for Research, Patricia Neuman from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Judith Stein of the Center for Medicare Advocacy. Stephen Crystal of Rutgers University will moderate this panel.

Where Can We Go From Here?: What Public Opinion, Policy Analysis, and Politics Tell Us About the Next Congress
Sunday, November 23 • 4:45-6:30 p.m. • Potomac Ballroom B

Find out what beltway insiders are predicting for the most important aging issues during the next Congress and administration. Health care reform, Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care, and Social Security will be discussed in the context of what Americans have said they want, what politicians have said they’ll do, and — in face of the current policy directions — what is likely to occur. Preeminent aging policy guru John C. Rother, AARP director of policy and strategy, will moderate a panel composed of Judy Feder, politician and Georgetown University health policy expert; Kathleen Francovic, CBS News director of surveys; and Chris Jennings of Jennings Policy Strategies, a behind-the-scenes architect of many of our nation’s health care advances in recent years.

Recognition of Excellence in Aging Research Among Federal Agencies
Monday, November 24 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Potomac 2

The Senate Special Committee on Aging is recognizing and promoting exemplary research funded by government agencies that addresses the well-being of older adults in a wide range of areas. This session will highlight significant achievements in federal aging research, including projects that promote interagency collaboration, strengthen research infrastructure, and advance data collection efforts. Leaders from six federal agencies — NIA, SSA, AoA, NASA, EPA, and ASPE — will describe the important roles that each play in funding, conducting, analyzing, evaluating, and disseminating aging-related research.

Resilience in an Aging Society Meets the Resilience of Flawed Policy Ideas
Saturday, November 22 • 3:30-5 p.m. • Potomac Ballroom D

The purpose of this session is to review the experiences of three major and recurrent policy and programmatic areas, to highlight what has been learned from the past, and to offer positive suggestions for the future. The session brings together Robert Kane of the University of Minnesota, Robyn Stone of the Institute for the Future of Aging Services, and Randy Brown from Mathematica Policy Research to focus on rethinking approaches to long-term care regulation, rebalancing the state role in long-term care financing and delivery, and examining care management and disease management interventions and their role in cost and outcomes.

Congressional Briefing on Civic Engagement
Tuesday, November 25 • 9:30-11:30 a.m. • Capitol Hill

The closing event of GSA’s policy series takes members to Capitol Hill. Both presidential candidates have voiced support for an expanded federal commitment to volunteer service, so civic engagement advocates are preparing to work quickly with congressional leaders to enact service legislation early in the 111th Congress. Senate and House staff will present their bosses’ initiatives, while policy makers, civic engagement experts, advocates, and volunteers share their visions for a more perfect environment for service.
The Significance of GSA’s Annual Conference for ESPO

As emerging scholars and professionals, we are all on the way to the next professional place — whatever that may be. For some of us it is completing a master’s degree; for others it is preparing for comprehensive or qualifying exams. For others still there is the hope of a post-doc or an opportunity to find a position that is the “best fit” with our talents and temperaments. In any case, when our professional parent organization has its annual meeting — a convocation of the best our field offers across disciplines and settings — the opportunities for each of us to take one more step forward in our individual processes are more than any one of us can imagine or hope for.

So ... these five days in November represent a singular time of anticipation, anxiety, and promise. The Executive Committee of ESPO and its Planning Task Force have been planning for these all-important five days — to make them as useful, accessible, and supportive as possible. Toward that end there is an online “ESPO 101” brochure, a “Navigating the Annual Conference” brochure, blogs, a Facebook page, a Twitter feed, and a first-time-ever ESPO lounge exclusively for the use of emerging scholars and professionals who want to network with one another, get information about events at the conference, or just relax away from the pressure of the five-day meet and greet.

Because the lounge is a new effort, we are finding ways to make it what we had envisioned — a place to gather in comfort, relax, have a snack, meet friends, make new ones, etc. We have discovered that this idea of ours requires a level of fund-raising that we had not anticipated and so we are asking you — our membership — to contribute ANY AMOUNT you can for snacks and drinks so that our lounge can be a truly friendly, welcoming place in a way that a warm beverage, a bottle of water and some fruit or cookies conveys — genuine hospitality.

Our fundraisers extraordinaire, Nancy Falk and Leanne Clark have expressed our needs in this way:

Attention Members!

At this year’s meeting, the ESPO section will be hosting an inaugural event — an ESPO-members-only networking lounge! This will be a place where students and emerging professionals can come to meet peers, learn about relevant opportunities and experiences, help each other navigate through the weekend’s events, and feel a part of the larger conference.

ESPO is seeking donations to help the lounge fulfill its mission. If you would like to contribute, please contact Nancy Falk at NFalk@gmail.com or Leanne Clark at LClark4@umbc.edu. Thank you for supporting ESPO and the future leaders in gerontology! ESPO is hosting several wonderful events this year, which will all take place on Saturday, November 22:

1. ESPO and Sigma Phi Omega Breakfast and Community Meeting (8-10 a.m.): Breakfast will be available for the first 150 participants, although the room will hold 200 people — so get there early!!!!

2. ESPO Dessert Symposium (3:30-5 p.m.): Current Chair Sarah Ruiz Ramon, incoming Chair Kara Botiggi-Dassel, and past Chair Kelly Niles-Yokum will speak. This event is capped at 40 people, so PLEASE RSVP to Kara at Kara222@gmail.com.

3. ESPO Wine and Cheese (6:30-8 p.m.): Again wine and cheese are limited, so get there early!!!!

When this ESPO essay-ette appears in the newsletter, we will be about two weeks away from this event for which the officers and committees of GSA have spent the year planning. For ESPO members, we want this to be a deeply satisfying and enriching experience at which you feel comfortable and confident. If there is ANYTHING any of us on the Executive Committee and Planning Task Force can do, just ask. If we can make it happen, we will. We will be wearing buttons that identify us — they will say “Ask me about the ESPO lounge.”
AJN Releases Latest in ‘Try This’ Series
The American Journal of Nursing (AJN) has announced the newest entries in its “How To Try This” series. To read or view the articles and videos featured this month, go to www.NursingCenter.com/AJNolderadults. “How to Try This” is a collaborative project of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at NYU’s College of Nursing and the American Journal of Nursing. Topics from the series will be made available each month through December 2008 in free web-based resources, including demonstration videos and companion articles in the AJN.

The Family Preferences Index: Helping Family Members Who Want to Participate in the Care of a Hospitalized Older Adult
By Deborah Messecar, PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, Bethel Ann Powers, PhD, RN, and Corey L. Nagel, MS, MPH, RN

Family members are an important but often underappreciated resource in caring for hospitalized older adults. The Family Preferences Index is a 14-item approach to exploring caregivers’ personal choices for participating in the hospital care of older adult family members. It can be administered as a structured interview or as a questionnaire. Higher scores indicate a greater preference to participate in care. The nurse can use the responses to the Index to plan care that builds a partnership with the family. To watch a free video demonstrating the use of the Index, go to http://links.lww.com/A296. Viewers will observe an interdisciplinary discussion and development of a plan to involve and educate a daughter who has not previously provided care for her aging mother.

Helping Those Who Help Others: The Modified Caregiver Strain Index
By Lisa L. Onega, PhD, APRN, BC, GNP, CNS

The Modified Caregiver Strain Index can be given to family members caring for disabled older adults. It helps to determine their level of strain — a combination of stress and burden that has consequences on caregivers’ overall health. The Index assesses 13 aspects of physical health, family finances, social interactions, time demands, and employment. Watch a video demonstrating the use and interpretation of the Index at http://links.lww.com/A291. This video features an interview with a particularly eloquent, long-time caregiver, as well as a team discussion for how to better recognize and support him in this role. An expert discussion is also included that outlines the significant distress that often accompanies caregiving and how health professionals can recognize that impact and support caregivers in their unique roles.

Report Outlines Plan for Senior Engagement
While most older Americans (55 percent) believe they will leave the world in worse condition than they inherited it from their parents, tens of millions of these Americans want to increase their levels of civic engagement, according to a report released by AARP and Civic Enterprises. “More to Give: Tapping the Talents of the Baby Boomer, Silent and Greatest Generations” outlines a 12-point plan to engage older Americans in tackling challenges across the nation, including epidemic levels of high school dropout and the need to help millions of elderly continue to live independently in their homes. The report is available at www.civicenterprises.net/pdfs/aarp_moretogive.pdf.

Falls Prevention Is New Website’s Chief Goal
The Home Safety Council’s new interactive safety destination, www.MySafeHome.org, is an online resource available to help adults identify common injury dangers throughout the home, including falls. The site offers the opportunity to explore a virtual home to learn about the safety actions and technologies that can protect against the leading causes of injury in every area of the home, indoors and out. To help caregivers keep family members safe during each phase of life, the website will soon include special sections targeted to new parents and caregivers of older adults. This resource also offers one-click access to simple, straightforward tips and checklists to help families take a room-by-room approach to safeguarding against home injury.

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
Interdisciplinary Pre and Post-Doctoral Fellowships
Unique interdisciplinary fellowship training opportunities in Geriatrics/Gerontology and Health Services Research are available at Brown University for MDs, PhDs and those seeking doctoral training in health services research or epidemiology. The position requirements for a post-doctoral fellowship are: MD and continuation of basic clinical training, or PhD in health services research, sociology, epidemiology, economics or other related field. Qualified candidates for doctoral training in health services research/clinical epidemiology are also eligible. Physicians seeking a post-doctoral appointment may opt to pursue an MPH degree. Pre-and post-doctoral fellows will have the opportunity to participate in on-going research in one or more substantive areas, including chronic disease management, health promotion and prevention, long-term care, community-based systems of care, health care organizations and methodological approaches to health services research.

Term of appointment is for one year, renewable contingent upon funding. Screening for post-doctoral positions will continue until all successful candidates have been identified or the search is closed while pre-doctoral applications are subject to standard application deadlines for graduate study. Brown University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Contact Michele Swallow for program description and application at: Michele_Swallow@Brown.Edu or 401 863-3211.
Numerous sessions that boast GSA’s mentoring and networking resources are slated for the 61st Annual Scientific Meeting in National Harbor, MD. The schedule places a particular emphasis on the roles that fellows and students can play within the organization. See below for dates, locations, and brief descriptions of each session.

New Member Meet and Greet
Saturday, November 22 • 7-8 a.m. • National Harbor 14
GSA officers and staff will discuss networking opportunities and how to become involved in the Society.

Campus Ambassadors Meeting
Saturday, November 22 • 7-7:30 a.m. • National Harbor 9
For those interested in representing GSA at your local college or university, this brief informational meeting prior to the start of the ESPO breakfast and community meeting will allow attendees learn more about the program and meet current campus ambassadors.

Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) and Fellows Speed Mentoring Session
Saturday, November 22 • 7-8:00 a.m. • National Harbor 15
This is an excellent opportunity to meet with several GSA fellows, discuss your research ideas, and receive their encouragement and feedback. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. To sign up, contact Kara Bottiggi Dassel at kara.bottiggi@chw.edu.

Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) and Sigma Phi Omega (SPO) Breakfast and Community Meeting
Saturday, November 22 • 8-10:00 a.m. • Potomac Ballroom A
All ESPO members are welcome to this informational breakfast meeting that will allow you to learn about opportunities for involvement in ESPO, meet the executive committee members, and network with your fellow colleagues who share a common interest in aging.

BSS Fellows-Emerging Scholars Mentoring Session
Saturday, November 22 • 10-11:30 a.m. • National Harbor 14

ESPO 101 Dessert and Networking Symposium
Saturday, November 22 • 3:30-5:00 p.m. • Potomac Ballroom C
Supported by The University of Southern California Davis School of Gerontology and the Towson University Health Sciences Department Gerontology Program
This symposium will provide information about ESPO, including its origins, evolution, and future directions in addition to providing information about the nominations/election process for ESPO leadership positions. Part of this symposium will include time for “speed networking” with fellow ESPO members as well as refueling with some sweet treats. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. To participate, contact Kara Bottiggi Dassel at kara.bottiggi@chw.edu.

HS Section Fellows/Mentors Reception
Saturday, November 22 • 5-6 p.m. • Potomac 1

Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology — Outstanding Mentorship Award and Reception
Saturday, November 22 • 3:30-5:00 p.m. • National Harbor 7

Interest Groups
Saturday, November 22 • 5-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 22 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Sunday, November 23 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Attending an interest group meeting provides an excellent networking opportunity and a chance to talk informally with colleagues. Interest groups are formed around a topic or issue that cuts across disciplines and sections of the Society. See the Program Book for a full list of interest groups and meeting dates and times.

Fellows/International Reception
Saturday, November 22 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Potomac Ballroom A
This is an invitational reception for GSA Fellows and our international attendees. (Open to fellows and international members only.)

Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization Wine and Cheese & Fellows Meet the Students
Saturday, November 22 • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Potomac 1
Supported by the AARP Office of Academic Affairs
The ESPO wine and cheese, organized in conjunction with the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), provides an informal setting in which to network with other ESPO members as well as GSA fellows. The winners of the Interdisciplinary Paper Award, Poster Awards, and the Civic Engagement in an Older America Student Paper Award will be presented at this event. (Open to ESPO members and GSA fellows only.)

Mentoring Consultancies
Session I: Sunday, November 23 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Maryland 1&2
Session II: Monday, November 24 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Chesapeake G, H, & I
This session is sponsored by the Behavioral and Social Sciences and Social Research, Policy, and Practice Sections and the Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization, but is open to attendees of all sections. These highly structured, special sessions bring students and junior faculty members together with senior faculty and experienced researchers. This year, the consultancies will focus on two areas: research methods, including issues related to data collection, data

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analysis, recruitment, informed consent, institutional review board approval; and publications, which will concentrate on navigating the publication process. Pre-registration is required.

GSA Section Updates and Awards Presentations:
BS, BSS, HS, and SRPP
Sunday, November 23 • 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
Active participation in GSA begins at the section level. All GSA members are invited to attend the community meeting of their section, which will feature the section award presentations, reports on activity, and the transfer of office. The newest GSA fellows will also be officially recognized at these meetings.

Humanities and the Arts Open Meeting and Reception
Sunday, November 23 • 6:15- 7:45 p.m. • National Harbor 12&13
The Humanities and the Arts Committee is pleased to sponsor our annual open meeting and reception for all interested GSA members to mix and mingle with committee members and others who share our interests in the humanities, arts, and aging. The reception will feature light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar, followed by a business meeting. (The screening of the Humanities and the Arts feature film will immediately follow this session.)

ESPO/SRPP Professional Career Related Roundtables
Sunday, November 23 • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Potomac Ballroom C
This session provides short-term mentoring. Different topics are addressed at each table (e.g., getting your dissertation funded, balancing family obligations with academic work).

ESPO Dine-Arounds
Sunday, November 23 • 6:30 p.m.
Meet in the hotel lobby at 6:30 pm. This social event provides the opportunity to mingle with fellow ESPO members while dining at a local venue. Sign up for this event at ESPO’s Saturday morning business meeting.

Getting the Most Out of Mentorship
Monday, November 24 • 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. • National Harbor 5
Session sponsored by ESPO and organized by Kelly Niles-Yokum
This symposium will provide an overview to getting the most out of your mentor, followed by a panel discussion and question and answer period with several experienced mentors in the health sciences, with a special focus on the challenges and rewards of mentoring in an interdisciplinary setting.

Letters to My Mentor
Monday, November 24 • 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. • National Harbor 8
This session will offer an opportunity for participants to discuss their mentoring experiences through the format of shared letters they compose to their own memorable mentors. Participants are expected to come to the session with a one-page letter to their mentor.

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This will be a place where students and emerging professionals can come to meet peers, learn about relevant opportunities and experiences, help each other navigate through the weekend’s events, and feel a part of the larger conference.

Unmet Need Common Among Patients with Advanced Illness

There is often a lack of adequate communication between health care providers and those facing terminal conditions, according to a series of articles in the latest issue of The Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences (Vol. 63, No. 3).

This topic is of concern to older adults, because they comprise the vast majority – about 70 percent – of those contending with multiple chronic medical problems.

The articles in question, representing four separate studies, point out the need to address treatment preferences and symptom burden among sufferers of advanced illness. The research highlights the importance of consistent, planned interactions with older adults and discussions about goals of care.

“The common theme is the large gulf between health care science, practices, and systems, and the understanding needed to deal with the issues faced by older patients regarding care preferences at the end of life,” said Darryl Wieland, PhD, MPH, of Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, SC. He co-edited the special journal section in which the articles appear together with Christine S. Ritchie, MD, MSPH, of the University of Alabama – Birmingham.

Early discussions about treatment choices are especially encouraged, because many older adults have limited health literacy and cognitive capacity brought on by multiple chronic illnesses.

Under the banner of “Advanced Illness Care: Applications in Older Patients with Life-Limiting Illnesses,” the contents of the special section are listed below:
• Advanced Illness Care in Older Adults: Many Lessons Yet To Be Learned (Editorial)
• Advance Care Planning and Health Care Preferences of Community Dwelling Elders: The Framingham Heart Study
• Patient Age, Well-Being, Perspectives, and Care Practices in the Early Treatment Phase for Late-Stage Cancer
• The Relationship of Reported Pain Severity to Perceived Effect on Function of Nursing Home Residents
• Palliative Care Intervention for Choice and Use of Opioids in the Last Hours of Life
Meet the Newest Hartford Doctoral Fellows

Five outstanding doctoral students have been chosen as the newest recipients of the prestigious Hartford Doctoral Fellowship in geriatric social work. The program is funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation, administered by The Gerontological Society of America, and directed by James Lubben, DSW, MPH.

Each of the Hartford Doctoral Fellows receives a $50,000 dissertation grant plus $20,000 in matching support from their home institutions, which enables recipients to more fully concentrate on their dissertation research projects over the next two years. Fellows also receive supplemental academic career guidance and mentoring, as well as professional development enabling them to more successfully launch an academic career in gerontology and social work.

This fellowship program is a component of the nationwide Geriatric Social Work Initiative, which seeks to expand the training of social workers in order to improve the health and well being of older persons and their families. It was created to help social work doctoral students overcome their greatest obstacles, such as limited teacher training and career guidance. These fellowships cultivate the next generation of geriatric social work faculty as teachers, role models and mentors for future generations of geriatric social workers.

Lubben, the Louise McMahon Ahearn University Chair at Boston College and a professor emeritus at UCLA, works together with a national program committee to select the Fellows. This year’s committee consists of Iris Chi, DSW, of the University of Southern California; Namkee Choi, PhD, of the University of Texas at Austin; Ruth Dunkle, PhD, of the University of Michigan; Grover Gilmore, PhD, of Case Western University; Jan Greenberg, PhD, of the University of Wisconsin-Madison; Nancy Morrow-Howell, PhD, of Washington University in St. Louis; Holly Nelson-Becker, PhD, of the University of Kansas; and Deborah Waldrop, PhD, of the State University of New York at Buffalo. Ad hoc members include Barbara Berkman, DSW, PhD, of Columbia University and the Hartford Faculty Scholars Program, and Carmen Morano, PhD, of Hunter College and the Hartford Pre-Dissertation Award Program.

Kristie G. Kimbell  
University of Texas-Austin • School of Social Work  
Dissertation Topic: “Understanding Long-Term Care Planning Behavior of Baby Boom Aged Adults: Identifying the Influence of Location of Responsibility and Other Factors”

Amanda J. Lehning  
University of California-Berkeley • School of Social Welfare  

SoonHee Roh  
New York University • Silver School of Social Work  
Dissertation Topic: “The Impact of Religion, Spirituality, and Social Support on Depression and Life Satisfaction Among Korean Immigrant Older Adults”

Jeannine M. Rowe  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee • Helen Bader School of Social Welfare  

Karen A. Zurlo  
University of Pennsylvania • School of Social Policy & Practice  
Dissertation Topic: “The Mediating Effects of Control Beliefs and the Financial Well-Being of Older Adults”

New Fellowship Program – Continued from page 1

Atlantic Philanthropies’ Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program.

“It is a rare opportunity to be simultaneously affiliated with two effective and well respected foundations dedicated to making a difference in aging and health policy, and I look forward to an exciting year working in Senator Blanche Lincoln’s (D-AR) office,” Alkema added.

The Health and Aging Policy Fellows program is open to physicians, nurses, and social workers at all career stages with a demonstrated commitment to health and aging issues and a desire to be involved in health policy at the federal, state, or local level. Other professionals with clinical backgrounds (e.g., pharmacists, dentists, clinical psychologists) working in the field of health and aging are also eligible to apply. Under special circumstances, exceptions may be made for non-clinicians who are in positions that can impact health policy for older Americans at a clinical level. The fellows were chosen by a selection committee of the program’s National Advisory Board.

There will be an informational session about the program at GSA’s Annual Scientific Meeting on Sunday, November 23, 2008, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in room Potomac 1.

For biographies of the fellows and further information on the program, please visit www.healthandagingpolicy.org.

“The overall goal of the program is to create a cadre of professional leaders who will serve as positive change agents in health and aging policy, helping to shape a healthy and productive future for older Americans. I believe that we are off to a great start with our inaugural class of 2008-2009 Health and Aging Policy Fellows,” Pincus said.

Residential Fellows: Gretchen E. Alkema, PhD, LCSW; Brian K. Hensel, PhD, MSPH; Gregory Hinrichsen, PhD; Kathryn G. Kietzman, PhD, MSW; and Toni P. Miles, MD, PhD

Non-Residential Fellows: Elizabeth (Libbie) Bragg, PhD, RN; Dorry Segev, MD; Judy Zerzan, MD, MPH
international news

Shanghai Faces Aging Dilemma
One in three people in Shanghai, China, will be a senior citizen by 2020 as its population rapidly ages, China Daily reports. Thirty-four percent of the city's permanent residents will be aged 60 or above in a dozen years' time, according to the Shanghai Population and Family Planning Commission. In 2007, about one in five Shanghai residents were senior citizens. Shanghai has the country's highest life expectancy, which reached 81.08 years last year. In the seven years to 2007, the city's centenarians have increased by 65 percent annually.

Rapid Increase in Australian Elderly Predicted
The number of Australians aged over 85 will increase at least four-fold over the next 40 years, according to that country's Productivity Commission. The number of people over the age of 85, who are most likely to use aged care services, will increase from 400,000 to 1.6 million in 2047. The Commission's report states the aged care workforce will need to be dramatically boosted over the next decade to deal with the increase.

Airbags Find Use Outside Automobiles
Reuters UK recently reported on a new airbag system currently being implemented in Japan for seniors. Designed by a Japanese company, the airbag for seniors is placed behind the head and hips, inflating in fractions of a second when a backwards fall is detected. A video provided by the company showed the 1.1 kg (2.4 lb), gas-filled units rapidly inflating after a loud pop, cushioning the impact for a falling wearer. The devices are priced at around 148,000 yen ($1,400).

South Korea's Elderly Increasingly Sick
According to the South Korea daily Dong-a Ilbo, more and more Korean elderly face health threats. Koreans age 65 and over accounted for 7.2 percent of the population, or 3.39 million, in 2000. Last year, those figures rose 9.9 percent to 4.82 million. By 2026, the number will exceed 10 million, or 20 percent. According to Korea's National Health Insurance Corporation, patients suffering from old age diseases numbered 847,000 last year, up 70 percent from 499,000 in 2002.

Brazil's Population Aging, Will Start Declining
According to the International Herald Tribune, Brazil's population is getting older and will begin to decline in 2030. Brazil's Economic Research Institute says the segment of people older than 30 has been the fastest growing portion of the population since 2000. In 1992, people under 15 made up nearly 34 percent of Brazil's population. In 2007, that figure fell to just over 25 percent. During the same period, the percent of Brazilians over age 60 rose from almost 8 percent to nearly 11 percent of the population. The Institute says there will be 204 million Brazilians in 2030, but five years later the population will fall to 200 million.
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PHYSICIAN RESEARCHER
The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Department of Medicine, Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care is seeking a physician researcher to provide leadership for gerontological programs at UAB. This tenure earning/non-tenure Assistant/Assistant Professor position (salary and tenure status will be commensurate with experience) will provide support for the development of an integrated research program within the University. Board certification or eligibility in Geriatric Medicine is required. Geriatric fellowship training is preferred.

Send CV and inquiry (quoting Ref #011) to Mr. Peter Bosworth, Administrative Office, 201 CH19, (The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)), 1530 3rd Ave. South, Birmingham, Alabama 35294-2041.

GERIATRIC MEDICINE CLINICIAN
University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Department of Medicine, Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care and the UAB Center for Palliative Care is seeking a Geriatric Medicine Clinician to provide for current and planned patient care programs.

This non-tenure or tenure earning Instructor or Assistant Professor position will work with the Division to expand and enhance our current clinical program and to assist in the development of a full continuum of patient care services and programs meeting the division's service, educational (medical students, residents and fellows), and research missions. (Rank and tenure status will be commensurate with experience).

Board certification or eligibility in Geriatric Medicine is required. Geriatric medicine fellowship training is preferred. Opportunities for promotion and leadership are presented at both UAB and the affiliated Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center sites.

Send CV and inquiry (quoting Ref #02901) to Mr. Peter Bosworth, Administrative Office, 201 CH19, (The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)), 1530 3rd Ave. South, Birmingham, Alabama 35294-2041.

DIRECTOR OF GERIATRIC MEDICINE
The UAB Department of Medicine, Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care is seeking a physician to serve as the Director for its Geriatric Medicine Section. The director will serve as a leader for an academic unit with sixteen physicians providing leadership and serving as core faculty members for patient care, teaching, and research programs at the University, the affiliated VA, and within the community.

The candidate should have credentials justifying appointment as a tenured or tenure earning Associate Professor/Professor. The Section Director will provide leadership for all the patient care, clinical, and research programs of the Geriatric Medicine Section, and will work collaboratively with other Section Directors to support the mission of the Division, Department of Medicine, and the School of Medicine. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Geriatric Medicine fellowship training and board certification are preferred.

Leadership responsibilities are expected to require at least 20% of the Section Director's effort, with the remainder of professional effort devoted to geriatric patient care, research, and teaching dependent upon the candidate’s skills and interests. Opportunities for leadership and involvement in academic geriatric activities are present at both UAB and the affiliated Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center sites.

Contact: Peter A. Bosworth, MBA, Assistant to the Director, Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care (quoting ref #008), The University of Alabama at Birmingham, CH19th, Suite 201, 1530 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35294-2041, or by email to Bosworth@uab.edu.

UAB is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.
School’s Partnership Advances High-Tech Care

GenerationOne, Inc. and researchers from the University of Miami Miller School Of Medicine and the College of Engineering have initiated joint development to leverage mobile health care technologies and telemedicine to contribute to the care of individuals with chronic diseases. A primary focus of the relationship will be advancing the GenerationOne mobile health solution, which uses mobile technology and proprietary phones to engage individuals in the active management of their chronic conditions and wellness. The GenerationOne mobile health solution alerts individuals to take medications or perform other prescribed activities like testing blood glucose or blood pressure. The results of these actions are then collected wirelessly from medical devices and/or through mobile phone interactions with patients.

Foundation’s Gift Boosts Nurse Training Efforts

The University of Calgary has received a $1.1 million donation from the Brenda Strafford Foundation to boost care in nursing homes by training more nurses in gerontology. The donation will go toward creating the Brenda Strafford Centre for Excellence in Gerontological Nursing at the university. It will allow nursing instructors and students better access to senior centers run by the Foundation. The contribution is the largest ever received by the school’s nursing faculty.

Funds To Support Student-Senior Interaction

Two grants totaling nearly $15,000 have been awarded to East Central University’s Social Work Program to encourage more graduates to work with older adults. Both grants were awarded by the Council on Social Work Education’s National Center for Gerontological Social Work Education (Gero-Ed Center) and are funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation. These funds are intended to develop, implement, and evaluate learning opportunities in which students interact with older adults. The ultimate goal is to recruit more social work graduates interested in aging issues and working with older adults.

Home-Bound Seniors Continue Studies

About 500 seniors have enrolled for the fall semester in a telephone-based educational program called DOROT University Without Walls. The program is believed to be the largest of its kind in the country. The program was started in 1989 by DOROT, a New York-based senior services agency that partners with some of New York City’s major medical and cultural institutions. The classes are taught by professionals in the world of art, history, science, and medicine who often volunteer their time. Each 50-minute class meets once a week for up 18 weeks.

Faculty Position – Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program

The Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program seeks applicants for a tenure-track appointment at the assistant/associate professor level beginning August 2009. A Ph.D. is required by the start date. We seek a scholar with experience in teaching and conducting research including, but not limited to: social/behavioral sciences, allied health sciences, and public policy. The applicant should have expertise in quantitative or qualitative (or mixed) research methods, and interest/experience in issues surrounding one or more areas of expertise: health economics, life course transitions, aging policy, women’s issues, retirement and financial planning. Applicants should have an active research agenda and a track record in, or potential for, securing external funding. Teaching responsibilities are at the graduate and undergraduate levels. We will consider applicants from a range of disciplinary backgrounds. The successful candidate will be expected to lead and/or participate in interdisciplinary research projects and provide leadership in building the Gerontology Program’s regional, national and international reputation and will be eligible to apply for tenure in the College of Nursing and an adjunct appointment with an auxiliary program would be encouraged.

The University of Utah is classified as Doctoral/Research Universities-Extensive with an emphasis on excellence in undergraduate education, and strong graduate programs in select disciplines. The program has offered a Master of Science in Gerontology degree since 1993; and both undergraduate and graduate certificates in Gerontology since 1972. The Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program is exploring plans to expand curriculum programs toward a bachelor’s degree in gerontology and a joint doctoral program in aging. The program is a fundamental educational unit affiliated with the university-wide Center on Aging, which provides support for the academic programs and for faculty who conduct aging-related research. For more information, please visit the program website at www.nurs.utah.edu/gerontology and the Center on Aging website at http://aging.utah.edu. The Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program is also affiliated with the University of Utah Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence. The new center is one of nine in the United States funded by a five year, $1 million grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation. This position provides a unique opportunity to join a dynamic faculty as they expand gerontological education and conduct research to better understand the evolving issues of an aging society, provide leadership to enhance the lives of older adults, improve the quality of intergenerational relationships, and meet the needs of an aging society.

For more information contact: Michael S. Caserta, Ph.D., Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112-5880 Phone: 801-581-3572; FAX 801-581-4642 Email: michael.caserta@nurs.utah.edu

Applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching effectiveness and quality scholarship, and three letters of recommendation to: Danette Lyman, College of Nursing Faculty Affairs at danette.lyman@nurs.utah.edu

The University of Utah is fully committed to affirmative action and to its policies of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity in all programs, activities, and employment with regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, status as a person with a disability, religion, sexual orientation, and status as a veteran or disabled veteran. The University seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. Reasonable prior notice is needed to arrange accommodations. Evidence of practices not consistent with these policies should be reported to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, (801) 581-8365 (V/TDD).
The Department of Sociology at the University of Vermont invites nominations or applications for the position of Professor of Sociology and The Bishop Robert F. Joyce Distinguished University Professor of Gerontology. This is an exceptional academic opportunity for a distinguished scholar who seeks appointment (a) in a mid-sized, highly collegial department with a strong research profile and reputation for teaching excellence, (b) in a growing College of Arts and Sciences with plans to mount an interdepartmental doctoral degree in social policy to which the successful candidate would be expected to contribute, (c) at a nationally acclaimed land-grant university with a strong commitment to liberal education and the study of health and environment and with abundant opportunities for multidisciplinary collaboration, and (d) in one of America’s most desirable places to live. The successful candidate will succeed Dr. Stephen J. Cutler, who has held the Joyce Professorship and served the University of Vermont with vision, dedication, and brilliance since 1984.

Consistent with a number of current strategic academic initiatives at the University of Vermont, we seek a scholar with a Ph.D. in sociology and with an established reputation and strong record of research and teaching in aging. The area(s) of policy application as well as secondary interests and methodological orientations are open, although a health policy focus or a quantitative methodological approach is desirable. The successful candidate will be expected to continue a substantial and active program of research that leads to publication in peer-reviewed scholarly outlets and to seek extramural funding for that research. Contributions to the department’s gerontology minor, concentration, and certificate in gerontology are also expected. An essential university-wide role for the Joyce Professor is to provide leadership in facilitating and enhancing collaborative efforts in research, teaching, and partnerships with the aging network, and resources are available to support the successful candidate in these endeavors as well as for his or her own scholarly activities.

The department is committed to increasing faculty diversity and welcomes nominations of or applications from women and underrepresented ethnic, racial, and cultural groups and from people with disabilities. The College of Arts and Sciences is likewise committed to fostering and affirming an inclusive, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment for its students, staff, and faculty. In the cover letter, applicants are requested to include a description of how they can contribute to the College’s goals in this area.

The position will be available in Fall 2009. Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. The application should include a cover letter discussing the reasons for interest in this position at this point in the candidate’s career and a curriculum vitae. Additional information such as reprints, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and letters of reference may be requested at a later date. Please do not have letters of reference sent at this time.

Candidates may apply by mail or on-line.

For on-line applications, go to www.uvmjobs.com. Once there, click on “Search Postings,” and then locate the position by scrolling to “Sociology” following “Department.”

Alternatively, applications or nominations may be sent by mail to:
Professor Dale J. Jaffe, Chair, Joyce Professorship Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Vermont, 31 South Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05405.

The Search Committee Chair can be reached at 802-656-4276 or Dale.Jaffe@uvm.edu.

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Center for Mental Health and Aging

The University of Alabama seeks applicants for a Faculty Associate in its Center for Mental Health and Aging (CMHA) to begin fall 2009. The appointee will hold a primary appointment in CMHA, as well as a tenured or tenure-track faculty position within the University’s College of Arts and Sciences. Rank is open. The faculty member will work independently, as well as collaboratively within and outside the University to develop and implement innovative basic and applied research. Specific area of expertise is open, but preference will be given to candidates whose research complements the Center’s four focus areas: care giving to the elderly, mental health of rural elders, quality of care in institutional settings, and palliative and end-of-life care. Applicants with expertise in health economics or quantitative methods are particularly welcome. The qualified applicant will have a history of research and publication in his/her area of interest and a demonstrated history of, or potential for, procuring external funding. Teaching responsibilities are at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

The Center for Mental Health and Aging is an interdisciplinary, University-wide research center that offers a range of services to support development and conduct of faculty research. It currently serves more than 50 faculty associates and affiliates in departments throughout the University. In the past 5 years, CMHA faculty and students have obtained more than $18 million in research funding. The Center maintains strong ties with departments across campus, other academic institutions throughout the region and the nation, and federal, state and local government agencies with interests in mental health and aging. More information is available at our website: www.cmha.ua.edu

The University of Alabama (28,000 undergraduate and graduate students) is located in Tuscaloosa, a medium-sized city with excellent quality of life. It is within easy driving distance of Birmingham, Atlanta, New Orleans, the Smoky Mountains and Gulf Coast beaches.

To apply, go to http://facultyjobs.ua.edu and complete the online application and attach a letter of interest and curriculum vitae. Send three letters of reference directly to: Faculty Associate Search Committee, Center for Mental Health and Aging, The University of Alabama, Box 870315, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487.

We will begin reviewing applications on December 1, 2008, and will continue reviewing applications until the position is filled.

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